EMPLOYMENT

	Bledsoe County	Southeast Region	State
Number of persons 16 and older	7,686	198,393	3,799,725
Percent in work force	51.6	61.5	64.0
Number of persons 16 and older in civilian work force	3,969	121,844	2,405,077
Percent unemployed	7.7	6.9	6.4
Number of females 16 years and older with own			
children under 6	476	14,022	287,675
Percent in labor force	59.5	59.6	62.9

POVERTY STATUS

	Bledsoe County	Southeast Region	State
Per capita income in 1989	\$8,053	\$10,235	\$12,255
Percent of persons below the 1989 poverty level	19.2	17.1	15.7
Families with children under 18 years, percent with income in 1989 below poverty level	20.5	21.7	20.7
Percent of persons age 65 years and older with income in 1989 below the poverty level	28.6	23.5	20.9

Sources: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, <u>1990 Census of Population General Population Characteristics</u>, Tennessee, and <u>1990 Census of Population and Housing</u>, <u>Summary Social Economic</u>, and <u>Housing Characteristics Tennessee</u>.